Green Demands for COP19/ Warsaw

Introduction

The recent IPCC report on climate science is clear: there is 95% of certainty that climate change is man-made. The impacts of global warming on our environment, food security, health and economies have never been as detailed.

In 2009, with the Copenhagen Accord, world leaders agreed to limit global warming below 2°C. The possibility and opportunity to do so is rapidly closing, if not already lost. Policy-makers across the globe cannot continue keeping their heads in the sand - the world needs to stop its addiction to fossil fuels and reduce emissions in all sectors.

This year’s round of climate negotiations in Warsaw, Poland, should NOT be a mere transition COP but must make a real step forward to ensure that the final deal to be sealed in Paris in 2015 is sufficient to protect the planet. Ministers must work in a transparent manner, show more courage and ambition than until now, as well as equity and solidarity with the most vulnerable states.

Time for governments to turn their back to the pressure of the dirty lobbies diverting the process in the interest of the few!

AMBITION

The Greens call EU ministers to

Ensure that the 2015 agreement meets the goal of reducing global emissions to below 1990 levels by 2030 and aims at phasing out global carbon emissions by 2050

Strengthen the EU emission reduction target for 2020 to 30% in order show leadership in bridging the ‘2020 gigatonne gap’

Adopt ambitious climate and energy policy targets for post 2020 consistent with the climate objective and fair and equitable sharing of global effort

Ensure COP Decisions in Warsaw set out the timetable and process for committing all Parties to formulate fair and ambitious post-2020 emission reduction targets in 2014 before the Ban Ki Moon’s leaders meeting in the autumn of 2014, as well as subsequent assessment and revision in 2015 to match the climate objective

Continue to press for solutions for international aviation and maritime transport to make a fair contribution to emissions reductions and provide a source of revenue for climate action in developing countries
Lead by example by agreeing to ambitious phase out of fluorinated gases in Europe and build consensus towards effective measures within the Montreal Protocol to reduce and phase out hydrofluorocarbon (HFCs), which have very high global warming potential.

**CLIMATE FINANCE**

Ensure that developed countries set out – in a comparable manner - the climate finance they will be providing over 2013-2015, with the objective of doubling fast start funding levels for this period.

Fix a roadmap for scaling finance ambition up to the US$ 100bn per year by 2020 agreed as part of the Copenhagen Accord and confirmed by COP16 in Cancun, Mexico.

Pledge specific amounts of finance to the Green Climate Fund, and to the Adaptation Fund.

Outline further efforts on public finance, particularly via innovative sources such as financial transaction tax, switching of fossil fuel subsidies, the closing of corporate tax loopholes, or aviation and shipping fuel levies.

**END OF OFFSETS**

Ensure phase-out of project based offset mechanisms outside least developed countries.

Consider other performance based mechanisms and targets for industrialised countries for financing mitigation in developing countries.

**TRANSPARENCY**

Ensure that Warsaw COP Decisions set out requirements for information accompanying proposed mitigation commitments for the 2015 agreement and ensure criteria for transparency, quantification, comparability, verifiability and adequacy.

Make progress on common accounting standards for finance.

**EQUITY**

Agree on the need to set out equity reference framework for the post 2020 deal and mandate Commission to make a proposal for global effort sharing according to countries’ responsibility, capability and development on behalf of the Union in order to build confidence in the process.

Ensure institutional progress on 'Loss and Damage' in the COP19.

**WORK PLAN TOWARDS THE FINAL 2015 DEAL**
Adopt a clear and ambitious work plan and milestones for producing the final text for COP21 in Paris

Agree on key elements for a structure of the 2015 deal